(c) and (d) The provision for Central assistance to Indira Gandhi Nahar Project in the IX Five Year Plan has not been finalised so far.

(e) According to Indira Gandhi Nahar Project Department the canals ae likely to be completed by the year 2005.

(f) The project is not being assisted by any external funding agency.

[English]

Reaction of Countries on India's Stand on CTBT

4743. SHRI SUDHIR GIRI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the latest reaction of the U.S. on India's stand on CTBT;

(b) whether any other countries reacted on India's stand; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, country-wise?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) The US Ambassador in the Conference on Disarmament, in an interview on 20 August 1996, regretted India's position to formally "veto" the draft text to the CTBT in the Conference on Disarmament.

(b) and (c) The majority of the Non-Aligned countries are supportive of India's position. India's stand reflects the common position of the NAM countries on the issue of nuclear disarmament. However, Nuclear-Weapon-States are not willing to accept the inclusion of any binding nuclear disarmament obligations in the draft CTBT text.

[Translation]

Mobile Service

4744. SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI:
KUMARI UMA BHARATI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to start any 'mobile service' for dissemination of detailed information regarding 'AIDS';

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of the places, where this service is likely to commence in the first instance alongwith the time by which it is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (c): The National AIDS Control Programme is being implemented as a centrally sponsored programme, through the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations. The State Govts./UTs Administrations are adopting various approaches and undertaking a range of activities using various medium of communication for disseminating information on HIV/AIDS for creating awareness.

The Tamil Nadu State AIDS Control Society has reported that they organised mobile services for imparting detailed information regarding HIV/AIDS in sixteen districts during the year 1995-96. These districts are: Periyar, Coimbatore, Dharmapuri, Salem, Trichy, Vellore (North Arcot), Villupuram (South Arcot), Cuddalore (South Arcot), Pasumpon, Padukottai, Nagapattinam, Ramanathapuram, Tanjore, Kamaraj, Madurai, Sambuvarayar. The Society proposes to cover the remaining districts of the State in a phassed manner during Dec., 96 to Jan., 97.

Use of Foreign Spare Parts in Indian Navy

4745. SHRI SOHAN BEER : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether foreign spare parts are being used extensively in the warships manufactured by the Indian Navy ship building yards;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to manufacture spare parts indigenously?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) and (b) Foreign spare parts are used in the Warships produced indigenously mainly in weapons and sensors. Indigenisation of all such sensors and weapons is not only difficult but also commercially unviable.

(c) Wherever machinery/parts are required in sufficienly large numbers and the indigenisation of the technology adopted is possible, these are indigenised and produced in the country.

Promotion of Indian System of Medicine

4746. VAIDYA DAU DAYAL JOSHI:
SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether nominal amount is provided by the Government to the six medical systems;

(b) if so, the total amount provided each to the Allopathic system of medicines and the six medical systems during the last three years;

(c) whether Allopathic system does not have treatment for several diseases even at present; and